



# BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

375th Airlift Wing, Public Affairs Office, Scott AFB, IL 62225-5004

## COLONEL AL LOWRY, JR.

Colonel Al Lowry is the 375th Operations Group Commander. In this capacity he exercises operational management of the Department of Defense aeromedical airlift system at more than 650 continental U.S. and near-offshore locations. He supervises flying operations, which provide priority to top DOD civilians and military leaders, senators and congressmen. His group directs plans and manages five squadrons, including three operational flying squadrons. His span of control encompasses more than 500 people, providing combat-ready C-21A aircrews and aircraft to support theater commanders through aeromedical and operational support airlift.

Colonel Lowry was born 14 October 1960 in Cahokia, IL. He graduated from North High School in Granite City, IL, in 1978. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Air Force Academy in 1982, a Masters of Science Degree from the University of Arkansas in 1993, and a Masters of Science Degree from National Defense University in 2002. He graduated from Squadron Officers School in 1987, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS, in 1996, and National Defense University, Industrial College of The Armed Forces, Ft Lesley McNair, Washington D.C. in 2002.

### EDUCATION:

- 1982** Bachelor of Science, Engineering Mechanics , U.S. Air Force Academy
- 1987** Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1993** Masters of Science, Operations Management, University of Arkansas
- 1996** Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth Kansas
- 2002** Masters of Science, National Resource Strategy, National Defense University
- 2002** Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Ft Lesley McNair, Washington D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1. June 1982-June 1983**, Pilot training, 47th Student Squadron, Laughlin AFB, Texas
- 2. June 1983-October 1983**, C-130 Pilot Initial and Mission Qualification, Little Rock AFB, AR
- 3. October 1983-December 1983**, C-130 Pilot AWADS training, Pope AFB, NC
- 4. January 1984-January 1987**, Pilot C-130E, AWADS Aircraft Commander, 37th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Rhein Main AB, Germany
- 5. January 1987-August 1990**, Pilot C-130E, Instructor/Evaluator Aircraft Commander 61st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Chief Pilot Combat Tactics, 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, AR
- 6. August 1990-March 1991**, Chief Pilot Combat Tactics, 1620 TAW (Provisional), Bateen AB, UAE
- 7. March 1991-June 1992**, Assistant Chief Pilot, Wing Standardization and Evaluation, 314 TAW, Little Rock AFB, AR
- 8. June 1992-June 1995**, Operational Programming Officer, HQ Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, IL
- 9. June 1995-June 1996**, Officer Student, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, KS
- 10. June 1996-February 1997**, Assistant Operations Officer, 98 ARS, Fairchild AFB, WA
- 11. February 1997-June 1999**, Operations Officer, 92 ARS, Fairchild AFB, WA
- 12. July 1999-July 2001**, Commander, 349 ARS, McConnell AFB, KS
- 13. July 2001 - July 2002**, Officer Student, National Defense University, Industrial College of The Armed Forces, Ft Lesley McNair Washington D.C.
- 14. July 2002-July 2004**, Requirements Branch Chief, Requirements and Analysis Division, Directorate

of Operations (J3), United States Transportation Command, Scott AFB, IL  
**15. July 2004-May 2005**, Deputy Commander, 317th Airlift Group, Dyess AFB, Texas  
**16. May 2005 to Present**, 375th Operations Group Commander, Scott AFB, IL

#### **DEPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

**January to May 2005**, Commander, 416th Air Expeditionary Group, Karshi Khaanabad AB, Uzbekistan

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 5400 Hours

Aircraft: T-37, T-38, C-130E, C-130H, KC-135R, KC-135T, KC-135 R/T

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Southwest Asia Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal one oak leaf cluster

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabian Government and Kuwait)

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant: June 2, 1982

First Lieutenant: June 2, 1984

Captain: June 2, 1986

Major: July 1, 1994

Lieutenant Colonel: January 1, 1999

Colonel: December 1, 2004

(Current as of May 2005)